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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2002, in the above referenced application.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 14-16, 24-26, 30-33, 48, 49 and 56-58, without prejudice.

Kindly ~~amend~~ claim 21, as follows:

21. (amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the at least one dicarboxylic acid is selected from the group of: aliphatic diacids having from 4 to 36 carbon atoms, aromatic diacids, the lower (C₁ to C₆) alkyl esters of said dicarboxylic acids, and blends thereof.

Please ~~add~~ new claim 63, as follows:

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